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THE P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Steamship
"MALACCA"
will leave for the above places at DAY
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A. McIVER,
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Hongkong, 27th December, 1890.
FOR MANILA, VIA AMOY.
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Captain Blanco, will be despatched for
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OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY.
FOR SHANGHAI, VIA AMOY.
Taking Cargo and Passengers at three
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"CYCLOPS,"
Captain C. Butler, will be despatched
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will be despatched about the 30th
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Hongkong, 21st December, 1880

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Hongkong, 21st December, 1880

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Hongkong, 10th December, 1880

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"Daily Press" Office,
24th December, 1880.

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For 1881.

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Various additions have been made, tending to render the Work still more valuable for reference. The descriptions of the two Ports have been carefully revised, and the statistics brought down to the latest dates obtainable.

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MARRIAGE.

On the 26th December, 1880, at St. John's Cathedral, Hongkong, by Rev. W. J. Williams, Catholic Chaplain, Edward Macdonald, Bachelor, of the County of Devon, England, and Elizabeth Mary, daughter of the late Thomas Macdonald, Esquire, of Alghurst, Warwickshire, (No Cards).

the Chinese in Labuan, although that could be any guide to him here. The circumstances of that place are totally dissimilar. Labuan, like every other place, of course possesses criminals in its population, but it is not, like Hongkong, subject to the raids of the criminal classes of a thickly populated province like Kwangtung. In Labuan the Government may set about dealing with the criminals of the place as a settled factor in the population, but those who carry on their operations in Hongkong are here to-day, gone to-morrow, and back again a few days afterwards if they think the land lies safe. What we have to do in Hongkong is not simply to catch them and reform them, but to make the place a terror to them so that they shall be afraid to repeat their visits. To effect this end there is no more powerful weapon than flogging. It is a punishment strictly in conformity with Chinese ideas, and if the Governor would in this instance follow the advice of his esteemed "leading Chinese" we feel sure he would be led to a correct decision and one which would not place him in opposition to the views of the British and foreign community. To show the light in which flogging has been regarded by the Legislature in the past, we propose to give one or two extracts from the Ordinances—Ordinance 12 of 1865 recites that, "Whereas the punishments hitherto awarded by the laws of this Colony are insufficient to deter from crimes of violence," and provides that in all cases of violence "the Supreme Court may, in addition to the punishment now awarded for such crime, direct that the offender, if a male, be once, twice, or thrice publicly or privately whipped." Ordinance 3 of 1868 again recites that, "Whereas the crimes of child-stealing and of taking or detaining of persons against their will have recently increased in the colony, and whereas it is expedient that the punishment hitherto awarded for crimes of this nature should be aggravated with a view to their suppression," and provides that "the Supreme Court may, in addition to the punishment heretofore awarded for such crime, direct that the offender, if a male, be once, twice, or thrice publicly or privately whipped." The preamble of Ordinance 2 of 1875 reads, "Whereas it is expedient to make better provision for the punishment of persons guilty of selling, purchasing, or decoying into the colony, or unlawfully detaining therein, Chinese women and female children for the purpose of prostitution, and of decoying Chinese into or away from this colony for the purpose of emigration, or for any other purpose whatsoever," and the Ordinance provides that whipping may be inflicted for second offences. The preamble of Ordinance 4 of 1872 recites that, "Whereas crime has greatly increased since the branding of criminals on accepting conditional pardons, and since the punishment of flogging for returning to the colony in violation of the conditions of such pardons have been discontinued," and section 2 provides that a deported convict on returning to the colony shall be liable to undergo the remainder of his original sentence "and also, if a male, and if convicted subsequent to his return to the colony of any felony or other crime, which the Court sentencing such convict may consider to be so brutal, inhuman, or mischievous as to justify extraordinary measures, shall be liable to be once, twice, or thrice publicly or privately flogged." It will be observed that the crime of which the convict is found guilty need not necessarily be one of brutal violence in order to subject him to flogging; it is sufficient that it be of "so inhuman or mischievous a character," etc. The quotations from the Ordinances above given afford very satisfactory evidence of the opinion of former legislators as to the efficacy of flogging, and that opinion, it is needless to remark, was one founded on long experience. It is now known that the Secretary of State has been unwise enough to approve of the expungement of flogging from the Ordinances except in cases of brutal violence. Kidnapping can hardly be called a crime of brutal violence, though it is a much more heinous one than that of knocking a man down and stealing his watch. Reliable statistics are not available to us, but we believe we are correct in saying that this crime has much increased since the punishment of flogging was discontinued. The crime statistics of the present year, when published, place this question beyond speculation. In either case, however, the consideration of the prosperous times tending to diminish crime would apply to this as well as to other offences, and common sense alone indicates that flogging must have a repressive tendency. It ought therefore to be retained as a punishment for this class of crime, which is one that gives an immense amount of trouble to the police in detecting and which involves the colony in great expense to keep the kidnappers while they are in gaol. There are other offences for which whipping may be inflicted under the law as it stands at present which may with more reason be considered as requiring such severe punishment, but in these cases the whipping is ordered by the magistrate and is not of nearly so severe a character as that given under sentences of the Supreme Court. The question is also open to argument whether for very many petty offences a moderate whipping would be a more effective punishment than imprisonment. The offences we refer to for which flogging is specially provided are gaol offences, under Ordinance 4 of 1866; indecent exposure of the person, assaults, and malicious injury to property, under Ordinance 1 of 1863; and tree cutting, under Ordinance 12 of 1865. The flogging clauses of these Ordinances have been by no means inoperative until within the last few years. The proposed legislation on this subject will involve very considerable alterations in the statute book of the Colony. A foolish attempt was made a short time ago to make it appear that what the Governor had obtained was really nothing at all, since men would still be flogged for crimes of brutal violence and they had never been flogged for anything else. This is inaccurate as to the facts and mischievous as to its tendency. Flogging has been inflicted for many other crimes than those of brutal violence, and with very excellent effects. To induce a belief that the alterations to be made are merely verbal and will make no change in the actual treatment of criminals is mischievous, because the alterations might thus be made without attracting the attention they deserve. We

hope they will not be allowed to pass without very grave consideration by the Legislature. Doubtless, especially by the unofficial members. It is eminently desirable also that in a matter of such importance party feeling should be laid aside as much as possible and the question considered on its intrinsic merits. It is possible that instances may be pointed out in which flogging is provided under circumstances which do not call for it, as in the case of the flogging of Chinese for refusing to assist at fires, no such penalty attaching to Europeans for so offending. This law, it will be remembered, was repealed some months ago. If there are any others of the same kind let them be similarly dealt with, but the broad principle of retaining flogging as a punishment rendered necessary by the circumstances of the Colony ought to be defended to the utmost. A time may come when a period of security in the adjoining province may induce such an influx of criminals into the Colony that it will be impossible to repress crime without this form of punishment. Regard must be had to contingencies as well as to existing circumstances, and the one we have mentioned is not an improbable one.

The delivery of the English mail was begun at 7.50 yesterday morning.

The Banks, Insurance Offices, and Government Offices will be closed to-day and Saturday next, New Year's Day.

We note by the *Strait Times* that the French barque *Courier* has changed owner and colours, and is now flying the Siamese flag.

Saturday's *Gazette* contains no notification relative to the departure on leave of the Hon. J. M. P. or the appointment of an Acting Surveyor-General.

Sir Brooke Robertson was booked to leave England for Hongkong by the P. and O. steamer *Bradford*, whose date of departure was the 25th instant.

We would direct attention to the alteration in the date of departure of the O. and S. steamer *Orlando* to-morrow to Thursday, the 26th instant.

The last issue of the *Government Gazette* does not contain the report of the Colonial Surgeon on the health of the Colony for 1879, so it cannot appear this year. Will it not?

A proclamation has been issued by the Rajah of Sarawak offering very favourable and tempting terms to Chinese to settle with their wives and families on the Rajang river.

From a table of meteorological observations taken at the Government Lock Hospital, we note that the rainfall for last month was only 0.06 inch, as compared with 2.14 inches in November 1879.

His Majesty the King of Spain has conferred the order of Isabel the Catholic on Mr. Edward Riddle as a recognition of his services in the laying of the cable between Manila and Hongkong.

The Civil Servants here were both surprised and disappointed at not receiving a holiday on Friday, Christmas Eve, as in former years. We notice that a day was observed as a holiday at Singapore.

We are informed by the agents (Messrs. Butterfield and Swire) that the Ocean Steamship Company's *Imperial* left Liverpool for this port and Shanghai, on the 24th instant.

The *Prize*, from London, left Singapore on the same day for this port and Japan; and the *Jason*, from Liverpool, left Singapore for this and Shanghai on the 25th instant.

The *Peking Gazette* of the 10th December says that driving operations are going on very successfully at the work of the *Eastern Cable* at present, and as the two European divers sent out by the Liverpool Salvage Association hourly expect a couple more to assist them, the process of bringing up the cable will be of course considerably accelerated. Several anchors, no doubt, have been recovered for raising the hull of the vessel, but none have been closed up to date.

The *Marquis* Telschevsky (formerly the *Shanghai Mercury*) is not thought by his countrymen to be enjoying the *ultima dignitas* on a bed of roses. The *Shen-pao* says: "A rumour is current in Peking that the Marquis Telschevsky, who is supposed to be returning to his native land, is returning to China on account of ill health, and that another Minister, named Chai Yuan, an old member of the T'ung-chi Yamen, will probably go abroad to take the place of the Marquis on the latter's return."

The *Pull Mail Gazette* says: "The T'ung-tang, the conqueror of the rebel of Turkistan, has been made the chief of the *Eastern Cable* at present, and as the two European divers sent out by the Liverpool Salvage Association hourly expect a couple more to assist them, the process of bringing up the cable will be of course considerably accelerated. Several anchors, no doubt, have been recovered for raising the hull of the vessel, but none have been closed up to date."

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The *United States Gazette* says:—We have been told that the sailing of the *California* from Valparaiso is not likely to be so prolonged as was originally intended. It is more than probable that she will be in England by October next.

We hear that the Russian Admiralty has given out the first of a series of contracts this week for the construction of a fleet of gunboats of the Greek alphabet type, for service in the Pacific. The order in question has been given to the North British Docking Works in the River Tyne, which will construct three of these gunboats for the Government during the winter.—*United Service Gazette*.

On Saturday a running preliminary game of football was played by scratch sides, in which Messrs. W. Duhamel, G. Caldwell, Newton, Lush, Lockhart, and others took part. A touchdown was obtained by Caldwell, who enabled Newton to win by a splendid kick to secure the only goal. We understand that the Club will play a match against the 27th Regiment to-morrow afternoon.

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The *Sybil*, a screw surveying vessel, 377 (885) tons, 9 1/2 (150) horse power, Commander Pelham Acheson, was laid down at the Armstrong & Co. Works at Elswick, Newcastle, on the 17th inst. The *Sybil* will be taken to Chatham and placed in the fourth division of the Midway Steam Reserve.

The colonel of the 28th Foot, vacant by the death of General Thomas Brooke, has been given to Lieutenant-General Julius E. Goodry, C.B., late of the 1st (Welsh) Regiment, Lieutenant-General Goodry passed his whole regimental service in the 1st, and was with it at Alma, Inkerman, and before Sebastopol, where he was wounded. He commanded a brigade of the Bengal Army from March 1859 to February 1870.

The semi-official St. Petersburg Agency News, referring to what it describes as the confidential and confidential statements of some newspapers respecting the negotiations between the Russian and Chinese Governments, says:—"Although the conduct of these negotiations may be rendered difficult by the distance between the two States and the instructions of the Chinese representative, they nevertheless continue to be carried on with a mutual desire for a speedy understanding, which is strengthened by the common burden of the military precautions which the action of the Chinese Government compelled Russia to take, but for which the Marquis Telschevsky is in no way responsible." The *St. Petersburg Journal*, the *Golos* and the *Nova Zemlya*, both complain of the delay in the negotiations, and the *Golos* and the *Nova Zemlya*, both complain of the delay in the negotiations, and the *Golos* and the *Nova Zemlya*, both complain of the delay in the negotiations.

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